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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from the Templin Troop Training Grounds.

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. [redacted] troops were entering the east section of the new barracks installation northwest of Vogelsang on and after 23 October 1953. Vehicles [redacted] were observed. Billeting equipment was shipped from Camp Vogelsang to two quartering buildings on and after 27 October. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed. On 27 October, kitchen equipment was shipped away from Camp Vogelsang on vehicles, [redacted] 1

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2. On 27 September, a column of 16 trucks, towing 12 x 120-mm mortars [redacted] passed through Templin, coming from the direction of the firing range and proceeding toward Eberswalde. At about 5 a.m. on 5 October, [redacted] observed a shipment of tanks, presumably T-34 tanks, [redacted] at the Templin railroad station. [redacted] the train had arrived shortly before. No loadings or unloadings were observed. 2

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3. On 13 and 14 October, firing of many artillery pieces, tank guns and mortars was heard from the Kannenburg firing range. Thirty T-34/35 tanks, about 30 x 120-mm and 160-mm mortars and several artillery pieces were observed. At about 10 a.m., individual guns emplaced near Kannenburg started firing at [redacted] targets in Jagen (forest section) No 113; this was followed by barrage fire and, at the same time, firing of smoke shells to the area in front of the targets. Protected by the smoke screen, tanks and mortars advanced. Covered by mortar fire, 30 tanks advanced and, about 1,000 meters from the targets, opened fire. The exercise did not involve any infantry. [redacted]

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[redacted] Beginning on 15 October, [redacted] observed no unusual activity at the training grounds. Individual trucks [redacted] and 7

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SU-152 guns [redacted] practiced driving in the Annenwalde area. Infantry drilled at platoon and company level on 16 October. Infantry units did not conduct any advanced combat practices. [redacted]

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1. [ ] Comment. The 111th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div has been carried in the barracks installations northwest of Vogelsang since early October. [ ] It is possible that, after 23 October, the 162d Tank Regt of the division also transferred to this installation. [ ] 25X1
2. [ ] Comment. The column may have belonged to the 240th Gds Mort Regt of the 6th Gds Mecc Div from Eberswalde. The shipment on 5 October [ ] involved tank units of the 25th Tank Div, returning to Templin from the [ ] exercises in the area north of Berlin. 25X1
3. [ ] Comment. The exercises [ ] involved units of the 6th Gds Mecc Div, [ ] with only elements rotated to Templin for exercises. 25X1

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